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1. REFTEL A REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING SECURITY
ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION FOR BRAZIL AND PROPOSED AUTHORIZA-
TION SHOWN IN FY 79 CPD.

2. UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 515(C), FAA OF 1961,
AS AMENDED, THE PRESIDENT MAY ASSIGN UP TO THREE
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO A COUNTRY TO PERFORM
MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS. UP TO AN ADDITIONAL
THREE MILITARY PERSONNEL MAY BE ASSIGNED WHEN SPECIFICALLY
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REQUESTED BY THE CHIEF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION AS NECESSARY
TO EFFICIENT OPERATIONS.

3. AT THIS TIME WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS REQUIRED
OR WHETHER THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WILL AGREE WITH AN
IN-COUNTRY SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION.
A MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION IS ENVISIONED TO:

A. ADVISE AND ASSIST THE US AMBASSADOR ON SECURITY
ASSISTANCE AND OTHER MILITARY MATTERS.

B. EXERCISE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LOGISTICS,
TRANSPORTATION, FISCAL AND CONTRACTUAL ASPECTS OF MATERIEL
PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT IN THE PIPELINE
AND PERFORM ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS FOR PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED
EQUIPMENT. (FULL DESCRIPTION OF THESE FUNCTIONS PROVIDED
REFTEL B.)

4. PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF WHAT IS NEEDED
AND ACCEPTABLE, WE INCLUDED A TENTATIVE AUTHORIZATION
OF SIX MILITARY, TWO US CIVILIANS AND THREE LOCAL
NATIONALS IN THE FY 79 CPD.

5. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS ON IN-COUNTRY SECURITY ASSISTANCE
MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENT AND WHETHER THE
BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO OPERATION OF SUCH
AN ORGANIZATION. CONSIDERING THAT THE FUNCTIONS AND
JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH MEMBER MUST BE PRIMARILY SECURITY

ASSISTANCE, REQUEST YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NUMBER
OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT RESIDUAL SECURITY
ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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